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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Kimmel et al. ) Examiner: Ngoclan Thi Mai  
Application Number: 10/653,520 ) Group Art Unit: 1742  
Filed: September 2, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 3339  
Docket No.: 00138CIPCON (3600-360-01) )

For: MODIFIED OXYGEN REDUCED VALVE METAL OXIDES

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2004

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 30, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.